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BYSIEWICZ CALLS ON SEN. DELUCA TO RESIGN EFFECTIVE JULY 5TH

**TIMING OF DELUCA RESIGNATION COULD AVOID SEPARATE SPECIAL
ELECTION: SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS, GIVE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES
TIME TO COME FORWARD & HELP VOTERS MAKE INFORMED CHOICE**

Hartford: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is calling on State Senator Louis DeLuca to resign his Senate seat effective July 5, 2007 to allow his constituents to elect a new State Senator on Nov. 6th.

“Sen. DeLuca has violated the public trust and his oath of office,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “Not only did he break the law by conspiring to threaten someone, he also apparently lied to Federal investigators, and promised his associates that he would use his considerable influence in the General Assembly to help them. Connecticut voters have seen this type of influence peddling before and it has no place in government.”

According to Connecticut General Statute 9-215, if a seat in the General Assembly is vacated anywhere between 49 and 125 days before the next November general election, the election for that seat is held on the date of the general election and a

separate special election is avoided. Considering this year's General Election will be held on Nov. 6th, a separate special election for Sen. DeLuca's seat can be avoided if he resigns between July 4th and September 18th.

Sen. DeLuca represents the towns of Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Oxford, Roxbury, Seymour, Southbury, Thomaston, Watertown, and Woodbury. It's estimated that a separate special election could cost each town as much as \$25,000.

"Sen. DeLuca can spare his constituents in 10 towns the considerable cost of holding separate special elections if he does the right thing and resigns before September 18th," said Secretary Bysiewicz.

According to state statute, "When any member or member-elect of the General Assembly resigns, the member or member-elect shall resign by notifying the Secretary of the State of the member's or member-elect's decision..." Secretary Bysiewicz urges Sen. DeLuca to consider what's best for his constituents and the electoral process, "It is my hope that Sen. DeLuca will send the Secretary of the State's Office his letter of resignation now, and make it effective July 5th to give voters – and potential candidates - adequate time to prepare for the Nov. election."

"As Connecticut's chief elections official, I travel across the state urging people to vote and to resist being cynical about their government," said Bysiewicz. "My task is much more difficult everyday that Lou DeLuca remains a State Senator. It is my responsibility and obligation to speak out."

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